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1. PLEASE TELL GIRARD THAT IT SEEMS CLEAR WE HAVE HAD DIFFERENT ASSUMPTIONS. AT END OF LAST SESSION OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE (MID-APRIL) DELEGATES FROM PARIS GROUP COUNTRIES SEEMED IN AGREEMENT THAT AUTUMN MEETING OF GROUP WOULD BE DESIRABLE NEXT STEP IN PREPARATIONS FOR LUGANO EXPERTS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR LATE JANUARY, 1976. WE ASSUMED THAT GOF WOULD WISH TO HOST MEETING, AS IT HAD CHAIRED PREVIOUS MEETINGS, INCLUDING ALL OF A SERIES OF MEETINGS HELD DURING SECOND SESSION OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. REASON WHY WE SUGGESTED SEPTEMBER DATES WAS PRIMARILY BECAUSE US REPS ALDRICH AND ANDERSON EXPECT TO BE IN EUROPE AT THAT TIME AND IT SEEMED CONVENIENT FOR CANADIANS AND BRITISH, WHO WERE ONLY OTHERS WE CONSULTED.

2. WITH RESPECT TO AGENDA, WE WOULD EXPECT WHOEVER HOSTS MEETING TO SUGGEST AN AGENDA, BUT THIS DOES NOT SEEM MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AS ALL CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS QUESTIONS AND SCHEDULE OF FURTHER COORDINATING WORK WILL NEED TO BE CONSIDERED.

3. SINCE GOF NOT PREPARED HOST MEETING SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT DATE WILL HAVE TO SLIP SOMEWHAT. WE HAVE NOT CONSIDERED ALTERNATIVE CHAIRMEN AND WOULD, IN ANY EVENT, PREFER FRENCH CHAIRMANSIP AT SOME DIFFERENT DATE. AMOUNT OF COORDINATION LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED, HOWEVER, WOULD SEEM TO REQUIRE A MEETING NO LATER THAN EARLY OCTOBER. THEREFORE, WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION WHETHER GOF MIGHT CONSIDER HOSTING MEETING AT SOME TIME IN EITHER SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER.

4. WE ARE NOT TRYING TO STICK GOF WITH AN INSTITUTIONALIZED CHAIRMANSIP, BUT GIRARD IS A SUPERB CHAIRMAN. MOREOVER, WE APPRECIATE POINT MADE REFTEL THAT MOST PARTICIPANTS FIND IT CONVENIENT TO MEET IN EUROPE, AND WE NOTE THAT UK HAS HOSTED MOST OF THE WESTERN CONSULTATION MEETINGS ON THE RELATED ISSUES OF THE TWO DRAFT PROTOCOLS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE CONFERENCE AND THEREFORE PROBABLY SHOULD NOT ALSO HOST PARIS GROUP MEETING.

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PROBABLY SEVERAL MEETINGS WILL BE REQUIRED DURING NEXT SIX MONTHS; PERHAPS BRUSSELS OR THE HAGUE COULD BE ASKED TO HOST ONE OF THEM. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT MOST PARIS GROUP PARTICIPANTS SHARE OUR ASSUMPTION THAT FRENCH WILL HOST FIRST OF THESE MEETINGS, AND WE HOPE GOF WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO SO.

5. PLEASE TELL GIRARD THAT ALDRICH LOOKS FORWARD TO

SEEING HIM AT SAN REMO MEETING IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. IF  
POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW PRIOR TO THEN  
WHETHER GOF WOULD BE WILLING HOST MEETING DURING AUTUMN.  
IN THIS CONNECTION, ALDRICH WILL BE MAKING BRIEF TRIP TO  
GERMANY AUGUST 2 THROUGH 8 AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT  
PARIS EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER TO CONSULT GOF ON QUESTION OF  
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS MEETINGS. FROM PARA 3 REFTTEL, ASSUME  
THAT GIRARD WILL BE AWAY AT THAT TIME. PLEASE ASK GIRARD  
WHETHER HE WOULD WISH ALDRICH TO SEE ANY OTHER FRENCH  
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